

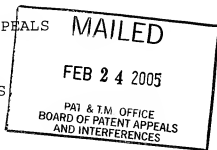
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The opinion in support of the decision being entered today (1) was **not** written for publication in a law journal and (2) is **not** binding precedent of the Board.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte MARTIN W. MASTERS
MATTHEW PIETRAFITTA and
THERESE VELDE



Application No. 09/944,314

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 19, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On April 26, 2004, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed. A review of the Image File Wrapper reveals that the IDS has not been considered by the examiner. The IDS needs to be considered by the primary examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the primary examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the IDS, and for further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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